

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5671  
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SOLVENT DEWAXING UNIT AT DIGBOI REFINERY  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a solvent dewaxing unit at a cost of Rs.400 crores is proposed to be set up at Digboi Refinery to improve the quality of bitumen produced there;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in that direction so far; and
- (c) the bitumen production capacity at Digboi refinery and the extent to which it is proposed to be augmented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): A solvent dewaxing unit is being set up at Digboi refinery at an approved cost of Rs.419 crore for increasing the production capacity of waxes, and not for improving the quality of bitumen. The project for installation of this unit is under implementation.

( c): Bitumen production capacity of Digboi refinery is 20 thousand tonnes per annum and at present there is no proposal to augment the capacity.